

REMARKS**Overview**

Claims 21-22 and 24-36 are pending in this application. Claims 21 and 26 have been amended. Claim 36 is new. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 21-22 and 24-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,805,152 to Furusawa. Claims 21 and 26 have been amended thereby mooting these rejections. Support for the amendments to claims 21 and 26 is clear from the specification as originally filed (see e.g. Figure 3).

New Claim

Claim 36 is a new claim that is supported by the original specification (see e.g. Figure 3). It is respectfully submitted that claim 36 is also allowable.

Conclusion

This amendment accompanies filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$790.00. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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